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FARMINGTON FIRE FINAL RELEASE

FARMINGTON, UTAH--- Firefighters made excellent progress on the fire yeasterday. Using helicopters and hand crews, firefighters were able to achieve 95 percent containment. The size of the fire remains at 1,935 acres with 177 personnel assigned.

Operations for today will include continued bucket work on the east flank of the fire to eliminate hot spots. Continued smoke and occasional torching may be observed within the fire perimeter.

The management of the fire will be turned over to a Type III Incident Command Team from the Wasatch-Cache National Forest at 8:00 a.m. today. The team will set up headquarters at the Farmington Fire Department.

Fire restrictions will go into effect in Davis County and the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, 12:01 a.m., July 17, 2003 and will remain in effect until rescinded. The fire restrictions prohibit the use of open fires or camp fires, including charcoal briquettes, except in developed recreation sites. Smoking is also prohibited except in enclosed vehicles or buildings, a developed recreation site, or in an area that has been cleared of flammable materials. Fireworks and tracer ammunition is prohibited on all state, federal, and private unincorporated lands.

A wildand fire awareness seminar is scheduled for today from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Davis High School, 325 S. Main St., Kaysville, UT 84037. Fire prevention specialists and local county officials will be on hand to discuss the Farmington fire, how wildland fires are fought, why mitigation is important and how to protect your home from wildland fire and mudslides after a fire. For information on this event contact Sgt. Brian Law at 451-4129 or Rich Rusk at 908-1918.

Information on the Farmington Fire can be found at www.utahfireinfo.gov

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